

January, 1884.

It is desirable that the conference be made up of men from all parts of the country and without regard to party.

Among the signers of the call are:

Mayor William L. Strong, president of the board of trade; Darwin R. James, Carlisle; John W. Lyman, J. Gage, secretary United States treasury; E. Stone, general manager of the Association of Merchants of the board of trade, Chicago; W. R. president of the chamber of commerce, Cleveland; Tom L. president of the board of trade, Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel workers; H. F. Langenberg, president Merchants' Association; Mayors George W. Ochs, Chattanooga, and Edward R. Brown, Charleston, S. C.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecast for Today.

For North Carolina—Fair Monday; showers Monday night; easterly winds; slightly colder.
South Carolina and Georgia—Fair Monday; rain Monday night; winds shifting to southeasterly to westerly.
Mississippi and Louisiana—Increasing cloudiness, probably showers; southeasterly winds, shifting to northerly, colder Monday night.
Texas—Showers, followed by clearing weather; colder; northerly winds.
Tennessee and Kentucky—Increasing cloudiness, probably rain Monday; colder in western portions Monday night; easterly winds.
West Florida and Alabama—Fair, followed by showers Monday afternoon or night; southerly winds, shifting to westerly.

MRS. MOTES LAID TO REST

Funeral Was Conducted from Trinity Church Yesterday Afternoon.

MANY FRIENDS WERE PRESENT

Drs. Roberts, Lewis and Kendall Made Appropriate Talks—Interment in Oakland Cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. C. W. Motes, whose sudden death occurred Saturday morning, took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from Trinity church. Dr. J. W. Roberts, pastor of the church, officiated.

Trinity church was taxed to its utmost to accommodate the crowd of friends who gathered yesterday afternoon to pay last tribute to one of the most devoted members of the congregation. Before she was taken to Mrs. Motes was one of the most active workers in the church, having been affiliated with almost every one of the charitable organizations. She was known to the entire congregation and was liked by all.

Her sad death deprives the church of one of its most ardent members and the entire congregation was grieved. A great number of floral offerings were sent in during the day and the casket was entirely covered by them.

The funeral was one of the largest that has occurred in Atlanta in some time and hundreds of Mrs. Motes' friends were present.

Dr. Roberts, in his sermon, spoke of the beautiful life Mrs. Motes had led, of the great good she had done in the church and of the great pride she had taken in the progress of the charitable organizations. He made a very touching appeal to the friends of the church.

Dr. Kendall and Mr. Lewis also spoke of the great loss the church has sustained in the death of Mrs. Motes.

The interment was in Oakland cemetery. The pallbearers were: Messrs. I. S. Mitchell, T. P. Westmoreland, B. H. Catching, L. P. Thomas, E. D. Cheshire and George Lewis.

DEATH OF WILLIAM THOMPSON.

After a Brief Illness He Died Yesterday Afternoon.

William M. Thompson, aged twenty-three years, died at the home of his mother, Mrs. Alice L. Thompson, on Oak street, in West End, at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after a brief illness of typhoid-pneumonia.

The funeral will take place at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. The funeral service will be conducted at the home on Oak street, near Biddle street, at that hour, by Dr. Bull, of West End. Fresh flowers will be placed on the body will be taken to Westview cemetery, and there laid to rest. The pallbearers will be: Captains G. E. Ellis, T. J. Ladd, A. Q. Turner, Mr. Stimpert, Jack Pennington, W. C. Gill, Ed. M. Durand and S. A. Wilson, Jr.

The circumstances surrounding the illness and death of William Thompson, as he was known to his most intimate friends, lent additional sadness to his demise. Just two weeks ago today he returned to his mother's home in West End after an absence of three years. Soon after his arrival he told his mother that he had come home to stay with her, and as mother and son sat together he told her of his bright plans for the future. It was his ambition to enter the newspaper field and he had plans arranged whereby he hoped to gain a loophole into the profession. He was sanguine of success and appeared to be in the best of spirits, and his general health seemed good.

Mr. Thompson first complained of feeling ill a week ago last Friday. Pneumonia manifested itself and a complication of typhoid fever appeared. The strong young man, stricken in the strength of his early manhood, made a noble fight for life, and, as he said in his concluding moments, "for his mother's sake," and everything that skilled physicians and gentle nurses could do for him was done, but the odds against the sufferer were too great, and he died.

The grief of his mother is intense and she was almost completely prostrated by the death of this, her eldest son.

FUNERAL OF MRS. ANDREWS.

Her Remains Carried to Findlay, O., for Interment.

The body of Mrs. R. B. Andrews, who died very suddenly Saturday afternoon at the residence of her husband, 71 Luckie street, was carried to her old home in Findlay, O., yesterday.

Mrs. Andrews was the wife of Mr. R. B. Andrews, southern representative of the Dixon Crematory Company. Her remains were accompanied by Mr. and Miss Andrews. The funeral will take place in Findlay today.

DEATH OF AN INFANT.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Near Lose Their Only Child.

The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford L. Near died yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of his parents, 365 12th street, after a brief illness.

The child was born Sunday, September 12th, and died Sunday, December 12th, at the age of three months. Mr. Near is connected with The Atlanta Journal and has many friends who will be grieved to hear of his sad bereavement.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence and the services will be conducted by Rev. N. W. Roberts and Walker Lewis. The interment will be at Westview cemetery.

MRS. W. E. LYONS PASSES AWAY.

Will Take Place at Turin, Ga.

Mrs. M. E. Lyon died at her late residence, 154 Whitehall street, yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, after a long and painful illness.

Mrs. Lyon leaves a son, Mr. Charles Lyon, and a daughter, Mrs. George Fox, to survive her. She was well known in the city and has a host of friends who will be much grieved to learn that she has passed away.

The remains will be carried to Turin, Ga., for interment.

The Ohio legislature will be asked at the next session to repeal the woman's suffrage law of that state on the ground that it costs the people \$15,000 a year without any material increase of the vote cast.

In the spring of 1895, of the vote cast, the bill 531 women registered and 1,456 voted; a falling off in one year.

In the spring of 1897 608 registered, a falling off from the first year of 5,242, and 228 voted. At the last registration only eighty-two women registered.

WHY SIX DAY RIDERS ARE DRIVEN INSANE

Experts Tell of the Effect of the Long Bicycle Rides.

DOCTORS DIFFER AS TO CAUSE

Some Say Loss of Sleep Makes the Men Mad.

SEVERAL VERY INTERESTING OPINIONS

Atlanta Experts Talk for the Constitution—They Give Scientific Theories.

The famous six-day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden, New York, has furnished a pathological problem that is baffling the greatest doctors in the country in their attempts to reach a solution.

How a man can for six long days ride around a track in agony of torture and the most horrible pain and yet present himself in a physical condition that is entirely normal, although he is a raving maniac, is a question that specialists in brain and nervous diseases all over the country are trying to solve.

An examination of the riders in the great race in New York showed on Saturday morning that every one of them were physically in a normal condition. Their pulses were beating at from 72 to 84 per minute, which is about normal, and their temperature was about the average for a healthy person.

Yet in half an hour after these examinations were made two of the men were taken from the track and carried to the hospital, fighting idiots, there was not the slightest physical indication of an abnormal condition of the brain.

Celebrated experts on insanity differ materially as to the exact cause of the insanity of the riders. Some think that the men are driven crazy by the terribly agony and loss of sleep. Others think the insanity is caused by uric acid poison, and others that the men are made maniacs by the dazzling light of the track and the rotary motion, coupled with the up and down movement caused by the banked curve of the track.

Atlanta physicians have been greatly interested in the race and have closely studied the conditions of the men who have ridden themselves out of reason and into wild delusional insanity. A number of these experts were seen yesterday and their opinions as to the cause of the insanity were secured for The Constitution.

One of the physicians, who is a celebrated specialist in brain diseases, gave an opinion that insanity caused by the sleep advanced by the others. This expert said that the riders' insanity was occasioned by a very simple cause.

"It is nothing but acute exhaustion," said the doctor, "and it is caused by the physical system exhausts all the nutriment that feeds the brain, and the brain being unable to secure the necessary sustenance, it becomes exhausted. The result is a case of acute insanity. As soon as the physical system is recuperated the brain also recovers and the man is well of his dementia. The brain is entirely dependent on the physical system for its nutriment."

"Now one thing that puzzles me greatly is the pathological condition of a rider who rides in an apparently normal state until he drops off his head in a raving maniac. It is impossible for any man to tell the exact pathological condition of the riders, for they are physically in a perfectly healthy condition, have treated cases of acute insanity produced by exhaustion. The patients always recover."

"Another expert plunged into a medical dictionary to explain the causes that drive the riders insane. He said:

"The causes are very complicated. The men ride so long that they reach an automatic or machine state, where every thing they do is without reason. The body ceases to perform its usual functions and is absolutely helpless except when on the wheel. A man in this condition will necessarily go insane. The real cause is this: A large per cent of the blood is composed of oxygen. Every time a muscle is used the oxygen is exhausted. When the riders use their muscles continually all of the oxygen is exhausted. The blood is then replaced by uric poison. The blood in circulating carries this poison to the brain and causes insanity. After the man becomes well in body and the pure blood begins to flow, the insanity is driven out by the oxygenated blood and the brain becomes clear."

A physician who has had probably a longer experience than any other in the city argued that the insanity was caused by loss of sleep. He said:

"Loss of sleep will drive any man crazy. If a man will deprive himself of sleep for any length of time the brain will necessarily break down from exhaustion. The brain needs rest as much as the body and a man who gives neither the brain or the body rest is bound to go mad."

"The most horrible and execrable agony that could be invented is prolonged loss of sleep. I have in my own experience known men and women go crazy from short periods of insomnia. To have only four hours of sleep in 144 hours, like Miller, the winner, is beyond all human endurance. Miller was necessarily mentally unbalanced during the last two days of the ride. He must have suffered tortures that were greater than all the pictured punishments of hell. There is no pain so powerful, so bitter, so terrible and so agonizing as that of loss of sleep. A surgeon might have cut Miller's legs off and the man would never have felt it. The pain of such an operation would be slight when compared with that caused by the loss of sleep."

Another physician said the riders were driven crazy by watching the white track of the Madison Square Garden. He said:

"The eyes are closely related to the brain. The track should have been green or some dark color. The effect on the riders' minds was to watch the white track for long weary hours and to endure that never ending rotary movement was the cause of the riders' insanity. The rising and falling movements produced by the rising bank at the curves in the track helped to make the men mad."

With all their explanations, the physicians say they are not very satisfactory reason why the men went crazy on their wheels. Every physician admitted that it was impossible to tell the mental and pathological conditions of the riders, or the exact causes that gave the men their wild delusions.

BROKEN GLASS ALARM POLICE.

But Investigation Showed There Were No Burglars About.

A plate glass window in the store of Kingsberry & Co., at the corner of Marietta and Poultry streets, was broken Saturday night. It was after the midnight watch had come on duty that the broken window was discovered, and the officers thought that it was an attempt at burglary.

Such proof, however, to be not the case, for upon investigation nothing was found disturbed and nothing was missing from the store.

Had evidently thrown a rock at the window for the purpose of seeing if it broke. An effort will be made by the officers to find the miscreant.

PERSONAL ROW IN POPULIST MEETING

Yancey Carter and H. P. Blount Wanted To Fight.

FRIENDS HAD TO INTERFERE

Mr. Blount Was Carried Out To Prevent a Serious Difficulty.

THEY QUARRELED OVER W. J. BRYAN

Blount and Mel Branch Disputed Over the Populist National Convention. Carter Also Takes a Hand.

A regular populist row of rather large dimensions and very lively character came near terminating the populist executive convention last week. By a narrow margin the populist party in the state missed the same year.

Yancey Carter is now the recognized leader of the party in Georgia. In the legislature the leader of the thirty populist members on the floor of the house is Mel I. Branch. Branch and Carter are the same yoke. They are a kind of political double team and have never shown an inclination to balk each other.

H. P. Blount is another leading populist. He is a single team populist and for some time it is said he has been pulling directly against Messrs. Branch and Carter. In fact a very warm enmity has been engendered between these three leaders.

This hate very nearly caused a funeral in the party when the executive committee met here last week. The caucus of the committee was thrown into a condition of wild excitement and it was necessary to take one of the would-be combatants out of the meeting before order could be restored.

It all came about this way. Mr. Branch made a statement regarding the populist convention at St. Louis last year as to the number of votes cast for Bryan. Mr. Blount made a statement exactly to the contrary of Mr. Branch's statement. This excited the ire of the member from Columbus county who was speaking and vigorously denied the truth of Mr. Blount's remarks. Mr. Blount explained his statement to the committee and it appears that Mr. Branch was fairly satisfied.

But the explanation did not satisfy Mr. Carter. He jumped up and said that Mr. Branch's statement was true and that Mr. Blount was not. He argued up and vigorously denied the truth of Mr. Blount's remarks. Mr. Branch explained his statement to the committee and it appears that Mr. Branch was fairly satisfied.

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